



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and
- WHEREAS,** More than 182,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 138 countries since 1961; and
- WHEREAS,** Over the past 45 years, 942 men and women from the state of Louisiana have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and
- WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between people of the United States and those of other countries; and
- WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experience over seas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, there by bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** It is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim February 27 through March 5, 2006, as

***Peace Corps Week***  
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 29th day of November  
A.D., 2005*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana